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Applicants:	Evans, Douglas G. et al.	Group Art Unit:	3738
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For:	Devices and Methods for Treating Defects in the Tissue of a Living Being		

AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO FIFTH OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In regard to the Office Action dated February 3, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Please enter the **Amendments to the Claims** that begin on page 2 of this paper. Amendments are indicated by underscoring of text to be added, and by ~~strikethrough~~ or [[double bracketing]] of text to be deleted.

Applicants' **Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

Applicants are tendering the fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(2) for a two-month extension of time to permit a timely reply to the outstanding Action. If the tendered fee is deficient, the Finance Division is authorized to debit the undersigned attorney's Account No. 50-1020 in the amount of the deficiency.